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HOUSE BILL NO. 487

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT MAKING INDIAN LANGUAGE EDUCATION AN ALLOWABLE WORK ACTIVITY FOR THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 53-4-705, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 53-4-705, MCA, is amended to read:

**"53-4-705. Services and activities.** (1) Under the program provided for in 53-4-703, the department shall make available a broad range of services and activities to assist recipients of cash assistance as specified by the department by rule.

(2) The activities must count participation in a certified Indian language class provided at an accredited tribal college as an allowable work activity."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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